

Remarks

This is a Response to the Official Action dated February 16, 2005.

Claims 4-15 are currently pending in the Application.

Specification

The Examiner objects to the Abstract of the disclosure. Applicant submits that the Abstract has been replaced to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Claims 4-15

This response amends Claims 4-15 to clarify the language of the claims.

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection

Claims 4-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant submits that Claims 4-15 have been amended to distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention in order to overcome each of the Examiner's rejections. Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Claims

Applicant notes Claims 4-14 were only rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As stated above, Claims 4-15 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections. Hence, Applicant respectfully requests that the Claims 4-14 be allowed.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejection

Claims 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the Bishop reference. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Because the Examiner did not reject Claim 4 in view of Bishop, Applicant submits that Claim 4 is patentable over Bishop. Hence, Claim 15, at least based on its dependency on Claim 4, is also believed to be patentable over Bishop.

Conclusion

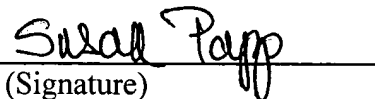
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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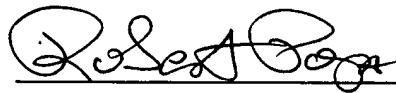
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